

# PROF KEITH ON "DEAN OF FISK."

Editor Nashville Globe:

Dear Sir—In your issue of the Nashville Globe, dated August 15th, there appeared on the front page of your paper an article, "The New Dean of Fisk University," evidently written with good intention but of a nature to embarrass Dr. C. W. Morrow, because it would leave almost any intelligent reader in doubt regarding facts about the new Dean of Fisk University. Certainly it was not the purpose of the writer of the article to leave any one in doubt about the truth concerning Dr. Morrow, and since so many readers have this view it seems entirely proper that some one should endeavor to correct the error the writer may have unintentionally made in preparing the copy for your paper.

It is the general opinion that most of what was published in the article about Dr. Morrow is true, but it seems fair to state that the part bearing on his future policy regarding the presidency of Fisk is mere presumption. Those most intimately acquainted with Dr. Morrow have no sufficient reason to believe that "Dr. Morrow, if he should be elected president, would recommend to the Board of Trustees that a Negro be elected as Dean, in order that he might gain experience in a few years that would enable him to run the institution successfully."

Those who know Dr. Morrow best are strongly of the opinion that he will endeavor to preserve all the honored traditions of Fisk University and see to it that a high standard of scholarship and conduct is maintained among the student body of the institution. They have the feeling and sincere belief that Dr. Morrow will consider merit, efficiency and honor of

vastly more consideration than color in all phases of Fisk University life. He does not believe in inequalities and stands firmly on the doctrine of "The Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man," and is therefore not expected by the graduates and real friends of Fisk to introduce the color question or be the means of giving it an entrance into the affairs of Fisk University. That would be contrary to the best sentiment of the majority of the graduates and friends of Fisk, and in direct opposition to the principles upon which Fisk University has been founded.

The colored members of the faculty of Fisk have been chosen not so much because they were colored but rather because they were the best fitted for the positions they hold. If a colored Dean or President of Fisk are ever elected the choice will be made because of their fitness and ability rather than their color. The graduates and best friends of Fisk are not "hanging on the color line" as much as they are on the questions of ability, time and other conditions of paramount importance in the matter of a colored president of Fisk. They are working in perfect harmony and co-operation with the Trustees of Fisk and these forces working together for the best welfare of the institution, will settle the question at the proper time. When the graduates and real friends of Fisk recommend a colored man for the position, it will not be because of his color, but for the very good reason that he is qualified in every respect to take hold of the affairs of Fisk and place the institution on a higher road of progress and keep it there.

Last year at Fisk was one of unusual success in all the things essential to the life of the institution. Fisk

stands now in the hearts of the people as it has not for many years. It is on the eve of what its graduates and friends consider an era of prosperity and this is very largely due to the hardship there last year. It would of course be a great risk for an outsider to be placed at the head of affairs there now. In addition, there are other difficulties in the way of making a selection of an outsider. Certainly the sentiment of the graduates, students and Nashville citizens has been strongly in favor of Dr. Morrow all along, but this condition has not existed because of any feeling that he would plan the way for a colored man to succeed him in any position unless the man was fully qualified and the Trustees of Fisk requested his recommendation in this respect. I believe that if such a condition obtained, Dr. Morrow would not hesitate for a moment, but I do not believe he would say anything or do anything to commit himself to any policy along the lines suggested in the article appearing in your paper, unless his recommendation was justifiable in every respect.

Dr. Morrow is a graduate both of Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. He has been very successful as a pastor. He keeps abreast of the progress of modern education as well as with the progress of the times. He is much loved and respected by the Nashville public and understands and stands for the fundamental principles of Fisk University. His acquaintanceship in the north well fits him for whatever undertaking Fisk's financial needs demand. He is in every respect fully qualified to be president of Fisk and we would all be glad to see him chosen for the position, because of his personal fitness as much as for his sincere interest in the welfare of our people.

Again I want to remind you that no question has been raised regarding the motive of the writer of the article appearing in your issue of last week, but in the light of Dr. Morrow's recent appointment as dean and the additional fact that the question of a president has not yet been settled, the article appeared untimely and I might also say of doubtful judgment in the matter of "the color question" raised about any future dean or president of Fisk University. This has all been written in the belief that Dr. Morrow has not made any statement to any one to warrant any such conclusion as was expressed in your article headed, "The New Dean of Fisk University."

I trust you will give space for the publication of this open letter to you in the issue of the Nashville Globe of this week, for I feel certain that it will in some measure set at rest some doubtful questions raised in the minds of some who may have read the article appearing last week.

Respectfully yours,

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## LITTLE STORIES OF SUCCESS.

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Stevens of Troy.  
From time immemorial Troy and its citizens have been famous. There was Priam who ruled over that ancient Troy which we are told was located in Western Asia on the shores of the Mediterranean. There was mighty Hector, the son of Priam whom the still mightier Achilles slew. Then there was that other son of Priam, Paris, who eloped from Greece to Troy with Helen, the most beautiful of women and as a result caused one of the most famous wars in all history.

It is not, however, of this Troy that Henry Vale Stevens is the subject of this sketch. A citizen, nor has he had a Homer to sing his praises. He is a humble black man, a harness-maker, who lives down in Troy, Alabama, which is one of the least of the 33 Troys in the United States. Mention is made of Stevens not because of any specially wonderful thing that he has accomplished, but to call attention to the opportunities which a Negro with a trade has in the smaller cities and towns of the South. Stevens received a certificate in harness-making from Tuskegee Institute in 1900 and since that time has been working constantly at his trade. Several years ago he started in business for himself at Troy and has always had as much or more work than he could do. In connection with his harness making he carries on carriage-trimming, and shoe making. He owns a good home and other property and is a leader in that section. He receives the patronage of the best people of the town and vicinity. Concerning him A. C. Edmondson, the Probate Judge of the city in a recent communication said:

"I have known H. V. Stevens for the past five years, and I can say that he has conducted himself in a high-toned and gentlemanly manner since he came here, is well thought of by all. I consider him one of the best harness-makers that has ever been in this part of the state. He certainly is master of his profession and has the confidence of all." U. S. Carroll, President of the First National Bank, in his testimonial concerning Stevens said:

"It affords me pleasure to state that H. V. Stevens of this city is an upright man. I have had considerable dealings with him. He is worthy of the confidence of the business public; he is a harness-maker by trade and his work is of the very highest type. He has not only served the public well in his trade, but has made a reputation for fair dealing and has the confidence of the citizens of this city."

The three years spent by Stevens at Tuskegee Institute in learning a trade and in acquiring the "Tuskegee spirit" of push and energy and the "Tuskegee idea," do what you

can for the good of the community in which you are located." have been of the greatest value in enabling him to become the useful and highly respected citizen that he is.

## BAPTISTS WILL SMOKE THE PIPE OF PEACE.

From all appearances it would seem that the "pipe of peace" will be the chief weapon among the Baptists at the coming session of their National Convention in this city. All efforts to find a discordant note to locate some contention which of sufficient import to cause the usual Baptist row, have will prove futile. In other words, as far as can be learned, after a close interview with some of the leading men of the denomination everywhere, it can be stated upon good authority that the meeting here in September will be a "getting together" of the Baptists of the whole world, especially those that go to make up the National Baptist Convention. Thus it is handed out that on the fiftieth anniversary of the Emancipation of the slaves, the Negro Baptists will cease their warring and unite in one solid phalanx for the betterment of their religious work throughout the country.

As far as can be learned from the officials of the convention there will be no old sores opened, no discordant notes sounded. In fact, there appears not a billow to mar the peaceful sea. While it is certain that much business brought over from the Houston session of the Convention will come up for consideration, it is understood that not even the president of the convention will press this to an extent that it will be distasteful to the delegates who go to make up the convention. Among the matters that are to come up is the revision of the constitution. But it is a forgone conclusion that the old constitution will not be changed, as many of the leaders are of the opinion that this able document is sufficient for the government of the National Baptist Convention. It is also predicted that there will be no change between the co-relation and the working of the Home Mission Board and the National Baptist Publishing Board, as it has been shown to the satisfaction of all that the greatest mission work possible is being done by the co-working of these two boards. Many other denominations who have looked upon the National Baptist Convention are just beginning to learn that the Convention while it really recommends being Baptist as it is, in reality is not legislative because of the principles of the Missionary Baptists. Many of the things that are going to come up in the meeting this year will be on the order of progressive measures to advance and increase the spread of the work throughout the country.

## FRIENDSHIP.

By Mrs. E. J. Work Sango.

While meditating over the different things in life, the thought came to me what a blessing it is to have a true friend. The sweetest and most satisfactory connections in life are formed between persons of congenial minds.

Friendship is the most sacred of all our bonds, it relieves our cares, raises our hopes, and abates our fears. I will compare friendship with a flower that blooms in all seasons; it may be seen on the snow-capped mountains of Northern Russia, as well as in the valleys of sunny Italy, cheering us by its indescribable charms.

Friendship knocks at the lonely and disconsolate heart, it speaks words of encouragement and joy; it dispels every poisoned thought of envy and purifies the mind with contentment. We do not look for this flower in the cold calculating worldling, no, the poor wretch is dead to every feeling of its ennobling virtue.

## EAGLE CLUB.

The Eagle Club C. of C. held its regular meeting at the home of Miss Glendora Brice, Tuesday, August 19. The meeting was called to order by the president. A very interesting meeting was carried out of the nomination of officers. After all the business, "Progressive Hearts" and other games were played. Several visitors were present. Misses Mary McCollough and Jim Ella Batts and Mr. Jackson Johnson. A late hour ice-cream was served. The club adjourned to meet with Miss Anna Shorter, 716 Ramsey street. In the accustomed way Miss Shorter welcomed the members and visitors thrice to her home Tuesday, September 2.

THE OLD GUARD ON THE JOB.  
As the time draws near for the campaign to be launched in full away, the old guard can be seen any day hanging around the headquarters of the candidates. Some would be preachers have left their pulpits and some who have their shingles hanging out as M. D.'s have left their patients to the fever and other diseases and have gone off to look after the candidates. It is a pitiful scene to behold these men who when every thing is quiet and there is no campaign going on make a great noise about their profession, but as soon as some man announces for office, dive into politics up to their eyes. Every one of them can deliver every Negro vote in this city to every candidate that is running, if their story is believed, when in fact they cannot deliver anything and are merely hanging around to see what they can pick up. Five or ten dollars or any amount just so they get their hands in the pie.

No one seems disturbed about this army nowadays, however, because intelligent men do not need a guard to direct them to the poles nor instructors tell them how to vote.

## CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Lula D. Foggelman wishes to thank her many friends for their

kindness to her during her bereavement.

## K-GLOBE CHEAT AUG 21

Without friends the world would be a great wilderness.

As we review the scenes of bygone years which come before us in swift succession, how those "old familiar faces" will rise up and haunt our vision with their well remembered features. Ah! but where are they who shared our joy and sorrows when first we started in the pilgrimage of life. Some are buffeting the billows of Time's stormy sea in distant land, though they are absent our thoughts are often with them. Among my experiences I have found that a friend of everybody is a friend to nobody.

## BRILLIANT RECEPTION.

The home of Prof. and Mrs. F. G. Smith, of Fourteenth Avenue, North, was a beautiful scene Tuesday afternoon as Misses Lillian Allen and Edwina Smith had their friends to assemble to meet the following visiting ladies: Mesdames C. H. Johnson, of Atlanta, Ga.; Lorenzo Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.; Misses Maria Graves, Ethelyn Bibbs, of Atlanta, and Pattle Cashion, of Decatur, Ala. These ladies were elegantly dressed in white charmeuse and lace dresses with the exception of Miss Graves, who was prettily gowned in yellow charmeuse. These ladies formed the receiving line with the addition of Misses Allen and Smith, and they stood beneath the chandelier; they were objects of universal admiration. The guests were received by Mesdames C. N. Langston and Alonzo Napier, and introduced to the receiving line by D. Wesley Crutcher. The young men were dressed in evening suits and added dignity to the occasion. The colors carried out during the afternoon were pink and green, which made a lovely combination. One of the loveliest sights seen that afternoon was Misses Lillian Allen and Edwina Smith as they stood together for a few minutes—the delicate fairness of one contrasted with the dark richly colored bloom of the other. The dining-room was quite a beautiful sight decorated with pink carnations and ferns, and as each guest was asked to appear in this room to be served with an ice-course they were met by Mr. Eugene Page with his courtly grace, who had charge of the dining room. About 150 guests were received during the afternoon. Each lady carried a bunch of flowers which made the afternoon affair more beautiful. The fair hostesses will always be remembered for the happy hours spent on Tuesday afternoon.

## ENTERTAIN FRIENDS FROM TENN.

To the Globe.  
Chicago, Ill., July 20, 1913.—Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Sublette who reside at 3252 Rhodes Avenue, Chicago, Ill. delightfully entertained in honor of their Tennessee relatives and friends Tuesday evening from 6:30 until 11:30. Mrs. Sublette was assisted in receiving by Miss Julia A. Lindsey of Murfreesboro. After being served to a real Southern dinner, the guests were ushered into the parlors where games were the amusement the rest of the evening. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Sublette were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ferguson, formerly of Chattanooga, but now residing at E. 42nd Street, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Bessie Wells of Chattanooga; Miss Minnie Haynes of Murfreesboro; Misses Maud and Majie Sublette and Mr. Jesse Sublette, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Sublette, Mrs. J. Mack Wilson, Mr. Willie Childs, Mr. Edward Abraham, Mrs. Elsie Burrows, Miss Esther Polk Berry and Little Loraine Luckett, Nashville, Tenn.

## DEATH OF A NOBLE WOMAN.

Nashville has lost one of its pearls by the death of Mrs. R. P. Moore. She was loved and respected by every man, woman and child, for she had a kind word and look for every one. Her place cannot be filled in church, never be filled as a wife, and the love she had for her family was more than ordinary. She was conscious of her death and died with full hope and faith in the Lord. The hour set for the last solemn service over the remains arrived. Slowly and sadly the flower-decked casket was borne into the church, while the great gilded organ thundered out the melancholy strains of the funeral march. As the notes of the march died away on the heavy perfumed air, the pastor stepped to the front of the pulpit and with the book in hand gave out the song "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand." The choir made vacant in the choir for it can never be filled. Amid the solemnity that reigned Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Work sang pleadingly the beautiful and touching duet, "They Went Astray," by Vincent from the Prodigal Son. Mrs. Henry Cameron sang "Death Is Only a Dream." The tender, pleading words touched a sympathetic cord in every heart and low sobs filled the holy temple and all eyes were wet with tears. At last the funeral services were concluded and the casket with its fragrant burdens was borne from the church by loving hands and the funeral train moved slowly and sadly in the direction of the "weird silent city of the dead," where the vault was waiting to receive its beautiful treasure. Mr. W. H. McGavock had charge of the funeral.

## AMONG THE CHURCHES.

The rally and basket meeting held at Rock City Missionary Baptist Church on last Sunday was quite a success. Dinner was served free and bountifully to about two hundred people, all of whom expressed themselves as being well fed physically. After dinner the congregation assembled at church and listened to a soul-stirring sermon by Rev. G. B. Taylor, of the Second Baptist Church. Revs. Franklin, Bryant and other able ministers preached powerful sermons. A collection of \$44 was

taken by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Wilson, for repairing of the church.

## BAPTIST SUPERINTENDENTS.

Emancipation we are trying to make history. We thought it would be a good idea to have a picture made of the Baptist Superintendents and his assistant.

As the old Nelson G. Mezzitt Church was once a Baptist Church, it would be a good idea if the superintendents and assistant superintendents would meet in front of the Old Mezzitt Baptist Church Sunday at 3 o'clock for the purpose of having their picture made. Done by order of President T. J. Lewis of the S. S. Union.

## SONS OF ABRAHAM ELECT OFFICERS.

The grand lodge United Sons and Daughters of Abraham completed the business of the annual session by the election and installation of new officers. The officers were all elected without opposition, the retiring grand master, P. F. Hill, by request, being relieved of further leadership in the organization, and favoring the entire change made.

Committee reports took up much of the morning session, and the afternoon session for the most part consisted of the enactment of important legislation. It was declared by numerous leaders of the Order that the meeting had been one of the most profitable that has ever been held of the body.

The officers elected to serve the ensuing term are: Alex McVey, grand master; Lee Pennington, deputy grand master; Minnie C. Moore, grand secretary; Lafayette Moore, grand treasurer; James York, Chaplain.

## EDENWOLD NOTES.

Rev. Maury, of Nashville, filled the pulpit at the First Baptist Church at this place Sunday. He preached a soul-stirring sermon both day and night. Mrs. Mary Bender, of Cedar Grove, was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Oldham last week. She also was the guest of Mrs. Lee and many of her other friends at this place. Mr. Will Lowe of Chicago, is here visiting his mother. Mrs. Martha Hendrick and Mrs. Martha Bomor, were the guests of Mrs. Mamie Chantrell last Sunday. Mrs. Bomor will leave for Indianapolis the 20th of the month to make it her future home. Mrs. Fields, of Nashville, opened her school here last Monday with a large attendance. Miss Hally Jennings and Mr. Peter Marshall, of this place went to Nashville last Sunday evening to see Miss Mary Joyner during her vacation trip from Chicago. There will be a grand picnic in the church yard of this place on the 3rd Saturday night in this month. Miss Mattie L. Chittwood gave a birthday party last Thursday night. Next Sunday will be preaching day here at Dry Creek Chapel. Everybody is invited.

## EDENWOLD NOTES.

Last Sunday was Rev. Womack's day here, but he was not present and a number of us attended the rally at Goodlettsville. Mrs. Susie Taylor, of Ridgeway, was buried here at Dry Creek last Friday; she was 104 years old. Her funeral was preached by Rev. J. F. Franklin, of Madison. Mr. Jim White and family have moved to Nashville. Mrs. White has been suffering with an abscess of the gum. If you are not reading the Globe you are behind the times.

Mrs. Alfred Duncan and little son are here from Hopkinsville, Ky., visiting mother and friends.

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